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Park and Recreation Commission
February 23, 2016
Approved

The Park and Recreation Commission came to order at 7:00pm for its meeting in the Senior Center Art Room on Tuesday, February 23, 2016.

Members in attendance included: Jen Rothenberg, Shirley Canniff, Elena Bartholomew and Associate Member Chrissy Tarantino. Director of Recreation, Joseph Connelly and Commission Secretary, Deanna Stacchi were also present.

Members from the public: Judy Weinberg and Peter Hedlund.

Approval of Minutes – N/A

Open Forum

Ms. Rothenberg invited Ms. Weinberg to speak advising her that the Commission would not be able to comment because a formal request/petition had not been made.

Ms. Weinberg stated that she would like an amendment to allow off-leash hours in the Menotomy Rocks Park woods as well as the field.

Mr. Connelly advised Ms. Weinberg to present a formal request so a special meeting could be scheduled.

Magnolia Park Final Design Review

Mr. Hedlund presented an updated version of the playground layout and structures for Magnolia Park. The Commission discussed the need for more visibility, accessibility, safety, and access points.

Mr. Hedlund introduced Margie Salt from Berliner who presented color schemes and alternative equipment possibilities based on the concerns of the Commission. The Commission agreed to remove the water play station and add more accessible ground level panels. Ms. Rothenberg and Ms. Canniff stated that the swing set location did not allow children to run from one end of the playground to the other safely. Mr. Hedlund stated that it could be moved to allow a bigger area to cross the playground. Ms. Tarantino suggested more benches in the toddler area and Ms. Bartholomew suggested moving the picnic tables to the toddler area to create more space in front of the swings.

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The Commission, Mr. Hedlund, and Ms. Salt discussed alternative equipment placement options to maximize visibility, accessibility, safety, and parent seating. Mr. Connally presented the two options for access points, with or without raised edging. The raised edging would contain the wood chips and keep the pathways clear of debris. Ms. Rothenberg was concerned that the edging could be a possible tripping hazard.

Mr. Hedlund presented the add/alternates to the Commission, who prioritized them by need, importance and neighborhood feedback. Ms. Canniff presented information from her observation of the storm drainage area following a recent storm. The Commission agreed that boulders in this area should not be optional. A motion to approve the updated design with the top three add/alts and color pallets was made by Ms. Canniff, seconded by Ms. Bartholomew. Motion approved 3-0.

Mr. Hedlund and Ms. Salt stated that an updated draft of the plans and color scheme would be presented at the upcoming Commission meeting on March 8, 2016. Ms. Bartholomew requested handouts of the final plans in addition to the posters.

Ms. Canniff motioned to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Bartholomew and approved 3-0. Meeting was adjourned at 9:00pm.